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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his review of the instant application. Claims 14-17 have been canceled. Applicants maintain that the cancellation of a claim makes no admission as to its patentability and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claim in this or any other patent application. Claims 6-8 and 11-13 are presented for examination.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has maintained his rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as lacking utility. It is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner has subsequently reconsidered and will withdraw the rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §101 as lacking utility.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph – Enablement

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has maintained his rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as lacking enablement. It is Applicants' understanding that the Examiner has subsequently reconsidered and will withdraw the rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 as lacking enablement.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph – Written Description

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner maintains the rejection of pending Claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to satisfy the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled claims 14-17, rendering this rejection moot.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully maintain that claims are patentable and request that they be passed to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any remaining issues may be resolved by telephone.

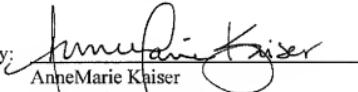
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